(b) whether it is also a fact that he had dwelt upon the issue pertaining to rendering of Government assistance to the PSUs to enable them to come out of red; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Conference of Chief Executives of public sector undertakings held at New Delhi on the 30th July, 1994 was addressed by the Commerce Minister, Minister of State of Labour and Minister of State for Industry besides the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister had, among other things, stated that the public sector has a major role to play in the development of the country and exist on its own steam. The Chief Executives of public sector undertakings were, however, told that complete sustenance for all time may not be possible and they should make profits which should be ploughed back for reinvestment.

Assistance to sick small units in Andhra Pradesh

3180. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not assisted sick small units in Andhra pradesh;

(b) whether any efforts were made to assist the entrepreneurs to revive the small scale sector;

(c) whether under the liberalised economy, there is a deliberate policy to reduce the role of the small scale sector; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It has always been the policy of the Government that the banks and financial institutions must make all possible efforts to identify sickness in industrial units at the incipient stage itself and carryout viability studies and nurse such units as are considered potentially viable. Detailed guidelines have been issued to all the scheduled commercial banks by the Reserve Bank of India and the State level financial institutions by IDBI/ SIDBI regarding identification of sick SSI units, norms for assessing potential viability and nature and extent of reliefs/ concessions which could be extended for their rehabilitation. As per the informa- tion furnished by the Reserve Bank of India, out of total sick SSI units numbering 29586 as at the end of March, 1992 in Andhra pradesh, 535 viable sick units have been put under the nursing programme by the financing banks. SIDBI under its Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation have sanctioned and disbursed Rs. 5 crores and Rs.2.4 crores respectively to sick SSI units in Andhra Pradesh during the 4 years from 1990-91 to 1993-94.

(c) and (d) The role of the small scale sector in the development of the economy of India has been fully recognised by the Government. The role envisaged for the small scale sector in the liberalised industrial climate has been spelt out in the separate policy measures for promotion and strengthening of small, tiny and village industries sector laid in the Parliament on 6th August, 1991. The primary objective of this policy is to impart more vitality and growth impetus to the sector by removing all impediments to its growth potential. Further it is envisaged to provide a climate of sustained growth to the small scale sector through a variety of packages, schemes and incentives. All these measures are expected to contain the problem of sickness and also significantly help in the growth of small scale sector in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के अध्यक्षों और प्रबन्ध निदेशकों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई

3181. **श्री आस मोहम्मद:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के उपक्रम-वार कितने अध्यक्षों और प्रबन्ध निदेशकों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की गई;

(ख) सरकार को संसद सदस्यों से कितने अध्यक्षों और प्रबन्ध निदेशकों के विरुद्ध शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई; और

(ग) उन पर क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही): (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्रित की जा रही हैं और सभापटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में लंबित मुकदमें

3182. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में क्रमश: पांच, दस और पंद्रह वर्ष से अधिक समय से लंबित मुकदमों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे मुकदमों के निपटान हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं; और

(ग) सरकार इन लंबित मुकदमों के शीघ्र निपटान हेतु क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) और (ख) इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय की रजिस्ट्री से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) न्यायालयों में बकाया मामलों की समस्या पर विचार करने और इसे यथासंभव शीघ्र निपटाने के लिए तरीकों और उपायों का पता लगाने के लिए मुख्य मंत्रियों और उच्च न्यायालयों के मुख्य न्यायमूर्तियों की एक बैठक 4 दिसंबर, 1993 को हुई थी जिसकी अध्यक्षता प्रधान मंत्री जी ने की थी। सम्मेलन में अंगीकृत किए गए विभिन्न संकल्पों को सभी राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्यक्षेत्र, प्रशासनों और उच्च न्यायालयों को जिनमें इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय भी सम्मिलित है, आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए भेज दिया गया है।

मामलों के शीघ्र निपटाए जाने के मार्ग में आने वाली अवसंरचनात्मक बाधाओं को दूर करने की दृष्टि से, न्याय प्रशासन को एक योजना मद बनाया गया है।

Unethical practices by Subordinate Courts

3183. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned caught in a cobweb of delays which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 14th July, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the judges in the lower courts adjourn the hearing of the cases frequently on unsound grounds as a matter of routine;

(d) if so, the steps taken to lay down guidelines to grant adjournments by the lower courts;

(e) whether lower courts in Delhi are granting ex-parte injunctions to parties as a matter of routine to the discomfiture of the other party;

(f) if so, the steps taken to a check the abuse of the authority in the lower courts;

(g) the details of judges of subordinate courts in Delhi found indulging in unethical practices; and

(h) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view, the problem of arrears of cases in courts and in order to find out ways and means to deal with it as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts was held on the 4th of December, 1993 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The resolution adopted in the Conference have been commended to all the State Governments/UT Administration and High Courts for necessary action. Additionally, the Administration of Justice has been made a Plan item, with a view to remove infrastructural bottlenecks coming in the way of expeditious disposal of cases.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Guidelines for granting of adjournments are provided in the Code of Civil Procedure and in the Delhi High Court Rules and Orders. Moreover, grant of adjournments is a matter that lies in the judicial discretion of the court keeping in view the interests of justice and the facts and circumstances of the case.